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A TURBULENT WORLD.

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS OF THE DAY TOLD BY TELEGRAPH.

Foreign and Domestic Intelligence Transmitted by Wire—A Kaleidoscope of Interesting Occurrences—Political, Criminal, Accidental, and Industrial.

MORE OF THE ALASKAN'S CREW.

Ten Men Finally Reach Shore After Untold Misery.

Eleven of the crew of the foundered steamer Alaskan have come ashore at Florence, near the mouth of the Suislaw River, in Lane County, Oregon. After leaving the ship the men were tossed in a fearful manner by the great storm, the sea for some hours breaking over them. They came near land at Cape Perpetua, about fourteen miles north of Suislaw Harbor, but were unable to land their boat on account of the huge breakers, and also on account of the rocky nature of the coast at that point. They concluded to try to swim to shore. All were successful except one poor fellow, who, after enduring horrible suffering for two nights and three days on the open ocean, lost his life. During the time they were out all they had to eat was six cans of peaches. Following are the names of the ten who reached shore, the name of the person who drowned not being known: E. T. Carlsson, seaman; M. Kelscher, coal passer; James McKinley, coal passer; Mike McLain, oiler; Edward Sharples, coal passer; Harry Johnson, seaman; Jack or G. H. Ross, coal passer; Edward Wenzel, cook; Ed Burns, J. Murry.

LESS BARLEY SOWN.

Reports Show the Acreage to Be Less than That of Last Year.

The area sown to barley in the United States remains about the same from year to year. In Dakota quite an increased acreage was seeded in 1888, which was balanced by reductions in other sections; but this year reports of Dakota correspondents show a falling off in this respect. It is quite probable that the entire acreage of the present season will not much, if any, exceed that of 1888, which was estimated by the department to be 2,652,957 acres. The reports of correspondents show that only a very small acreage has been sown in Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois, and practically none in Indiana, Kentucky, and Kansas. The per cent. of acreage in other States, as compared with one year ago, we summarize as follows: Dakota, 92 per cent.; Minnesota, 96 per cent.; Wisconsin, 95 per cent.; Nebraska, 97 per cent.; Iowa, 94 per cent.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Trenton Car Barns Destroyed, Causing a Loss of \$200,000.

Fire that involved a loss of about \$200,000 and probably cost a man's life broke out in the stable of the Trenton Horse Car Co. near the Pennsylvania Railroad station at Trenton, N. J. The building is a huge structure, partly brick and partly frame, and the framework portion burned like tinder. While the firemen were rescuing horses people were horrified at the spectacle of a man rushing from the stables naked and in a sheet of flame. It was a carder who had gone to sleep in the second story and did not wake till the fire was well under way. He made several ineffectual efforts to escape from the part of the stables not burned, but failed, and finally had to rush through the blaze. He was probably fatally burned.

BASE-BALL BATTERS.

Standing of the Clubs That Are Contending for First Place.

The relative position of the various clubs that are competing for the pennant is shown by the annexed table:

National. W. L.		A. American. W. L.		W. L.	
Boston.....	14	5	733 St. Louis.....	22	8
Philade.....	13	6	684 Brooklyn.....	15	10
New York.....	11	9	550 K'se's City.....	16	11
Chicago.....	11	10	500 Cincinnati.....	14	14
Cleveland.....	11	12	478 Athletic.....	12	12
Pittsburgh.....	9	13	400 Baltimore.....	12	14
Indianap.....	8	14	380 Columbus.....	8	17
Washgtn.....	4	13	233 Louisville.....	7	20
Western. W. L.		Ic Inter-St. W. L.		W. L.	
St. Paul.....	16	3	342 Quincy.....	11	6
Omaha.....	12	7	631 Davenport.....	12	7
Sioux City.....	11	7	611 Evansville.....	9	10
Denver.....	8	8	522 Springfield.....	7	9
Minneapolis.....	9	10	473 Burlington.....	8	11
St. Joseph.....	7	10	400 Peoria.....	6	10
Des Moines.....	5	11	312	10	37
Milwaukee.....	4	17	190		

CARNEGIE'S MEN MAY STRIKE.

They Denounce the Company for Determining to Reduce Wages.

A meeting of the employees of the Homestead steel plant of Carnegie & Co., to consider the sliding scale proposition submitted by the firm, has been held at Homestead, Pa., and the sentiment was strongly against accepting the firm's offer. Resolutions were adopted denouncing the company for the action taken, and referring the whole matter to the head officials of the Amalgamated Association. A strike will undoubtedly result if the company insists upon the new scale.

Oppose Opening the Cherokee Strip.

A delegation of leading Osages has started for Tahlequah to confer with the Cherokees regarding the Government bill opening the Cherokee strip. The delegates are to a man opposed to selling any of their lands or any scheme for allotment. They are staunch friends of the cattleman, and will oppose anything that will work against the leases they have.

An Old Claim Settled.

The President has signed a patent for the *Coeur d'Alene* Mission claim, in Idaho Territory, containing 640 acres, in favor of Joseph M. Cataldo, Superior General of the Rocky Mountain Mission of the Society of Jesus. The case has been pending in the General Land Office for the last ten years.

PRESIDENT HARRISON'S CHOICE.

Prominent Offices Being Filled by Late Appointees.

The President has made the following appointments: John F. Plummer of New York City, George E. Leighton of St. Louis, Jesse Spaulding of Chicago, and Rufus B. Bullock of Atlanta, Ga., to be Government Directors of the Union Pacific Railway Company; Alvin Saunders of Nebraska, to be a member of the Board of Registration and Election in the Territory of Utah; William D. Lyon of New York, to be a member of the Board of Indian Commissioners; Bennett S. Gillespie of Nebraska, to be Registrar of the Land Office at O'Neill, Neb.; Samuel C. Wright of Nevada, to be Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Carson City, Nev.

Clark E. Carr, of Illinois, to be Minister Resident and Consul General of the United States to Denmark; Solomon Hirsch, of Oregon, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Turkey; Henry W. Severance, of California, to be Consul General of the United States at Honolulu; John Jarrett, of Pennsylvania, to be Consul of the United States at Birmingham; Thomas H. Sherman, of Ohio, to be Consul of the United States at Liverpool.

Charles Swayne, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida; William D. Lee, of New Mexico, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Territory of New Mexico; John W. Whitaker, of Nevada, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada; John Murphy, of Dakota, to be Attorney for the Territory of Dakota; Richard L. Walker, of Kansas, to be United States Marshal for the District of Kansas; Jacob Yoe, of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas; James W. Savage, of Omaha, Neb., to be a Government Director of the Union Pacific Railroad; Amor Smith, Jr., of Ohio, to be Surveyor of Customs for the port of Cincinnati; David W. McClung, of Ohio, to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of Ohio; John H. Mills, of Montana, to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Montana; John R. Lynch, of Mississippi, to be Fourth Auditor of the Treasury; L. W. Hake, of the District of Columbia, to be Fifth Auditor of the Treasury; Charles Roeser, Jr., of Wisconsin, Topographer of the Postoffice Department, vice David Enright, removed. In the geological survey: Wm. H. Hall, of California, and Edward S. Nettleton, of Colorado, Supervising Engineers, and Arthur D. Foote of Idaho, Lyman Bridges of California, and Alexander Brodie of Arizona, Engineers for Irrigation Survey; Willard D. Johnson, of District of Columbia, and William S. W. Yeste, of Maryland, photographers. Richard T. Worthington, of Ohio, Law Clerk of the Patent Office, and Max Georgi, of Minnesota, First Assistant Examiner of the same office, have resigned. Henry A. Phelps, of New York, has been appointed a Chief of Division in the Pension Office, and Charles F. Gillan, of Ohio, a Chief of Division in the Pension Office, has resigned.

THE TRADE REVIEW.

Dull Trade Notwithstanding the Improved Crop Prospects.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Business reports are rather less encouraging, in spite of the most satisfactory crop prospects at the West and the encouragement thereby given to all branches of trade. At Omaha great improvement in crop prospects and activity in building are reported, with money plentiful at lower rates. At St. Paul there is no change in the favorable prospect. But at Kansas City trade and collections are only fairly satisfactory; at Milwaukee collections are not improved. At Detroit trade and collections are "about fair," and money is plentiful at lower demand; and at Cleveland, trade is a little larger than at this time last year and money in active demand. Rains in the Northwest and continued improvement in crop prospects have been more potent in the market than the increase in exports, and the price has fallen. The movement in groceries seems to be much larger than a year ago. Wool is dull. The exports of principal products for April show an increase of 21 per cent. over last year. For two weeks of May the exports from New York have been \$412,000, or nearly 4 per cent. less than last year. The business failures number 253, as compared with a total of 227 the week previous, and 189 for the corresponding week of last year.

THIRTY-FOUR MAY DIE.

Whole Families Poisoned by Ice-Cream at a Festival.

At South Glastonbury, Conn., over 100 persons who had eaten ice-cream at a church festival are ill. The symptoms are those that attend poisoning. In many instances whole families are sick. The trouble was traced to the vanilla ice-cream sold at the festival. The physicians express but slight hopes for the recovery of thirty-four of the victims. In other cases, where the victims partook sparingly of the cream and the effect of the poisoning is less severe, the physicians are hopeful of recovery. Of the many victims those most affected are:

Miss Cora Bates, Clifford Chapman, P. B. Gammon and family of eight persons, Howard J. Hale and family of four persons, Mrs. Harry Miller and family of three persons, Miss Eva McLean, Mrs. Clara Orr, Miss Maria Phillips, George Pratt and family of five persons, H. M. Rising and family of four persons.

In these cases no hope of recovery are entertained. Dr. Henry Bunce, the Town Coroner, has obtained a sample of the vanilla cream, and will analyze it to determine the cause of the poisoning. No one who partook of any other flavor except vanilla at the festival suffers, and Coroner Bunce is of the opinion that the poison was in the vanilla extract. All business has been suspended in the town on account of the affair.

EXCLUDES THE CHINESE.

The Supreme Court Decides They Cannot Re-enter on Certificates.

The Supreme Court has rendered an opinion in the case of Chae Chang Ping, appellant, vs. the Collector of the Port of San Francisco. This was a suit brought to test the constitutionality of the Scott Chinese exclusion act. Shortly after the Scott exclusion act went into effect Chae Chang Ping returned to the United States from China and endeavored to secure entrance at San Francisco. He had left this country armed with a certificate entitling him to return, but the certificate was declared invalid by the Scott act. The collector refused him admittance, and suit was brought in the United States Court for the district of California to test the constitutionality of the Scott act, and from this decision the case went to the Supreme Court on appeal. The court affirms the judgment.

OPERATORS REFUSE TO ARBITRATE.

Indiana Coal-Miners Must Accept a Reduction or Remain Idle.

The Brazil conference between the Indiana Coal Operators' State Executive Board and the miners' delegation has ended with the operators' former refusal to arbitrate the difference between the two bodies in relation to the yearly scale for mining bituminous and block coal throughout Indiana. The operators demand a reduction from 90 to 70 cents for

block, and from 75 to 60 cents for bituminous, the biggest cut ever made in the history of the coal trade of the West. The operators base their refusal to arbitrate on the ground that underbidding by Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Illinois operators make it impossible to get a market at a less reduction. Seven thousand miners in the State are affected by the decision. There is no alternative for the miners but to accept the reduction or remain idle.

THIRTY-SIX MISSING.

Wreck of the Alaskan on the Coast of Oregon.

The fine steel steamer Alaskan, belonging to the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, went to pieces in a heavy gale off Cape Blanco, on the Oregon coast, and only twelve of her men out of forty-eight on board have been heard from. Most of the sailors when the vessel broke in two had to be brought up by the Captain and officers at the point of a pistol and forced to get out the lifeboats and liferafts. Five were drowned during the launching of the boats. Finally the remainder were stowed away in the boats, which just cleared the ship when she went down. Captain Howes, Quartermaster Brown, Pilot Woods, and six sailors were in one boat, which was picked up by a tug. They say that there are small chances of the other boats reaching land, as the sea was very heavy and their boat couldn't have lived much longer when the tug sighted them.

THE OUTLOOK.

Prospects for Northwestern Crops Carefully Summarized.

The Northwest has passed through a most trying and critical period for the last thirty days with all spring and winter sown crops, and, while the damage occasioned by the drought has not become as yet widespread or disastrous, at the same time its effects are more or less plainly seen upon our oats and grass crops. The winter wheat prospects, while they point to a good average crop, are by no means as favorable for a bountiful crop as they were thirty days ago. So far as the spring wheat is concerned, everything is still a matter of uncertainty and doubt. The country's great crop, corn, starts off under most favorable and brilliant prospects.

DEATH TO CHINCH-BUGS.

Cold Rains in Minnesota Have Probably Settled the Pest.

Specimens from various points in Minnesota report cold rains all over the northern and central portions of the State. The chinch bugs, wherever they were getting active, seem to have been chilled to death or drowned. A plaster of mud has been formed over the ground recently plowed to kill the grasshoppers in Otter Tail County, and the pests are sealed up, and will probably die without showing a head above ground. Farmers and loggers are jubilant. The farmers claim there is enough water in the ground to last for six weeks or two months. The crops everywhere are in fine shape, and promise a grand harvest if there is no bad luck from summer frosts.

Insane Asylum Abuses.

Investigation of the Cook County, Illinois, Insane Asylum at Jefferson shows that in addition to being overcrowded the patients are insufficiently clothed, filthy, and covered with vermin; that there is a scarcity of attendants; that they have no suitable occupation, no amusement, and little exercise; the investigation being a reflection on the Board of County Commissioners, as well as the officials of the institution.

A Fast Cruiser Made in England.

Naval architects of this country are waiting further particulars of the performance of a remarkable cruiser built in England by the Armstrongs. She is the Piedmont, and said to have made 19½ knots under natural draft and over 21 knots with forced engine. She measures 2,500 tons and carries engines of 11,500 horse-power. The hull weighs but 970 tons.

Elect Officers.

The American Surgical Association, in session at Washington, has elected officers as follows: President, Dr. D. W. Yandell, Louisville, Ky.; Vice Presidents, C. H. Mastin, Mobile, Ala., and Charles A. Nancrede, Philadelphia; Secretaries, J. R. Weist, Richmond, Ind., and Ewing Mears, Philadelphia; Treasurer, P. S. Connor, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Buying Michigan Breweries.

An English syndicate is negotiating for the purchase of seven breweries in Grand Rapids, Mich., and one in Muskegon. The prices given will aggregate \$700,000. Those now in the business will, if the deal is consummated, retain an interest in the combination to the extent of one-third of their selling price.

Three Railroads to Consolidate.

The consolidation of the Bee Line and the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis & Chicago roads has been agreed to, a large majority of the stockholders of the three lines interested voting in favor of uniting the roads. June 24 was fixed as the date for the first joint meeting of the directors of the several companies.

A Cargo of Cats.

The steamer Newfield has sailed from Halifax to Sable Island, having on board thirty cats in two large cages. The cats are to be used for destroying the rabbits which are beginning to overrun the island. They burrow in the sand, making large holes, which cause the ponies to stumble and break their legs.

Their Money Burned.

An aged couple named Crume, at Nebraska City, Neb., a few days ago, sold some property for \$500. This money the old lady hid in her bed tick. In her absence the old man emptied the tick in order to burn the straw, not knowing the money was there. All of the cash was burned. The couple are penniless and nearly crazed with grief.

War on the Jute Trust.

War has been declared on the jute bagging trust at a convention of farmers from

a majority of the Southern States which was held at Birmingham, Ala. Hitherto the farmers' alliances of this State and Georgia have made the fight on their own account, but it is now proposed to build small manufacturing for the manufacture of a cheap cotton substitute for the jute bagging.

A Bridegroom Missing.

Quite a sensation has been caused at Lima, Ohio, by the mysterious disappearance of George H. Allen, who was to have been married to Miss Mary Hale. The arrangements for the wedding had been made and the guests invited, but when the appointed time arrived no groom appeared. The cause of his flight is not known.

Michigan's State Fair.

The Executive Committee of the Michigan State Agricultural Society has decided to locate the State Fair at Lansing permanently, the local fair society deeding its grounds to the State society. It is probable the fair will be held during the week beginning Sept. 9.

Baptist Women in Missions.

The Baptist Woman's Board of Missions, in session at Boston, elected Mrs. J. N. Crouse, of Chicago, President; Miss M. G. Burdette, of Chicago, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. R. R. Donnelley, of Chicago, Treasurer.

Two Thousand Strikers Resume Work.

The strike at the National Tube Works at McKeesport, Pa., which involved 2,000 men and caused a suspension of work in a number of the departments of that extensive plant, has been settled by the company conceding the strikers' demands.

Bishop Redell's Successor.

At the annual convention of the Protestant Diocese of Ohio, held at Toledo, the Rev. Dr. W. A. Leonard, of Washington, was chosen to succeed Bishop Redell, when the latter's resignation shall have been formally accepted by the House of Bishops.

Chief Engineer Harris Dead.

Chief Engineer R. L. Harris, U. S. N., who was on the Naval Examining Board to test the cruiser Charleston, but who became ill on the voyage from San Francisco and was incapacitated for duty, died at Santa Barbara, Cal.

Boulanger Suffering from Diabetes.

It is rumored that an English doctor has found that General Boulanger has been suffering from diabetes in an advanced stage, and has advised him to go to Vichy and Carlsbad to take the waters.

Strange Breach of Promise Suit.

Samuel Cunningham, a bachelor, of Galena, Ill., 70 years of age, has been sued for \$10,000 for breach of promise by Mrs. Louise Lebrman, a widow of three score and ten.

Our Minister to Russia Dead.

President Harrison's appointee as Minister to Russia, Allen Thorndyke Rice, died suddenly at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York City.

Two Men Die in a Well.

George King and a man named Michaels were overcome by foul air and died while sinking an old well on the Blodgett farm, near Faribault, Minn.

Broke a Bicycle Record.

F. E. Spooner won the 100-mile contest for amateur bicyclists at Chicago, in 5 hours 59 minutes and 40 seconds, breaking all previous records by 13 minutes.

An Unfortunate Yawn.

Mrs. C. F. Nygren, of Star Lake, Minn., dislocated her jaw while yawning. She was obliged to ride twenty-three miles to have it set.

Russian Railway Bonds Issued.

The Czar has issued a ukase placing on the market a second series of 410,498,000 gold ruble 4 per cent. consolidated railway bonds.

Infected Cattle Slaughtered.

The health authorities of Canada have slaughtered a herd of twenty-seven cattle near Kingston because they were afflicted with tuberculosis.

THE MARKETS.

CHICAGO.			
CATTLE—Prime.....	\$ 4.25	@ 4.50	
Good.....	3.50	@ 4.25	
Common.....	2.50	@ 3.50	
HOGS—Shipping Grades.....	4.00	@ 4.50	
SHEEP.....	3.50	@ 4.25	
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring.....	84	@ 85	
CORN—No. 2.....	31½	@ 35	
OATS—No. 2.....	22½	@ 23½	
RYE—No. 2.....	41	@ 42	
BUTTER—Choice Creamery.....	14	@ 15	
CHEESE—Full Cream, flats.....	17	@ 17½	
EGGS—Fresh.....	12	@ 13	
POTATOES—Louisiana, #1.....	3.50	@ 4.00	
PORK—Mess.....	11.00	@ 11.50	
MILWAUKEE.			
WHEAT—Cash.....	78	@ 78½	
CORN—No. 3.....	34½	@ 35½	
OATS—No. 2 White.....	27½	@ 28½	
RYE—No. 1.....	46	@ 47	
BARLEY—No. 2.....	50	@ 51	
PORK—Mess.....	11.25	@ 11.75	
DETROIT.			
CATTLE.....	2.75	@ 4.25	
HOGS.....	3.90	@ 4.90	
SHEEP.....	4.00	@ 5.00	
CHEESE—Full Cream, flats.....	17	@ 17½	
EGGS—Fresh.....	12	@ 13	
POTATOES—Louisiana, #1.....	3.50	@ 4.00	
PORK—Mess.....	11.00	@ 11.50	
TOLEDO.			
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	90	@ 91	
CORN—No. 2.....	35½	@ 36½	
OATS—No. 2 White.....	24½	@ 25½	
NEW YORK.			
CATTLE.....	4.00	@ 4.75	
HOGS.....	5.00	@ 5.50	
SHEEP.....	5.00	@ 5.50	
CHEESE—Full Cream, flats.....	17	@ 17½	
EGGS—Fresh.....	12	@ 13	
POTATOES—Louisiana, #1.....	3.50	@ 4.00	
PORK—Mess.....	11.00	@ 11.50	
ST. LOUIS.			
CATTLE.....	3.75	@ 4.50	
HOGS.....	4.00	@ 4.50	
WHEAT—No. 2.....	77	@ 77½	
CORN—No. 2.....	31	@ 32	
RYE—No. 2.....	23	@ 23½	
INDIANAPOLIS.			
CATTLE.....	3.60	@ 4.50	
HOGS.....	4.50	@ 4.75	
SHEEP.....	3.00	@ 4.00	
LAMBS.....	4.00	@ 7.75	
CINCINNATI.			
HOGS—Butchers.....	6.00	@ 5.00	
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.....	88	@ 88½	
CORN—No. 2.....	37	@ 37½	
OATS—No. 2.....	27	@ 27½	
RYE—No. 2.....	47½	@ 48½	
PORK—Mess.....	12.00	@ 12.50	
KANSAS CITY.			
CATTLE—Good.....	3.50	@ 4.00	
Medium.....	2.50	@ 3.50	
Butchers.....	2.00	@ 3.00	
HOGS—Choice.....	4.25	@ 4.50	
Medium.....	4.00	@ 4.25	
SHEEP.....	3.50	@ 4.25	

WILD GALE IN VIRGINIA

CROPS DEVASTATED BY SEVERE WIND AND HAIL.

A Million Dollars' Damage Done to Farm and Other Property in That State—North Carolina Also Visited by the Destructive Hailstones.

[Norfolk (Va.) dispatch.]

One of the most severe hailstorms that ever struck this section has just passed over Norfolk, Portsmouth, and vicinity. Ice particles of extraordinary size came down with the hail, and several inches of hail lay in drifts before the deluge of rain that followed carried it away. The shade trees of the streets and the flower and vegetable gardens were badly wrecked. In the country the truck farms were badly torn up, strawberries, peas, cabbage, and other crops being beaten to the ground. The vineyards and orchards suffered severely, vines and trees being cut terribly and the fruit destroyed. Many of the truckers express themselves as ruined for the season. A swath of five or six miles broad was cut through Norfolk and Nansemond Counties by the storm. The truckers all around the Hodges Ferry section and between the Western Branch River and Portsmouth lost everything. The loss will probably reach a million dollars, and it is too late now to attempt to recover. The hailstorm and rainfall swept over Southampton County in the vicinity of Newsom's Depot, and the growing crops and orchards were badly damaged by large pieces of ice and the great quantity of it. The drifts of hail were twenty-four inches deep in some places, and twelve hours after the storm the drifts were over six inches in depth. The barn of W. S. Francis was blown down by the wind and demolished and three horses killed. Other farmers suffered in damage to their buildings. The storm struck the great bridge section of Norfolk County, the hailstones in some cases being as large as pullet eggs. The potatoes and vegetable gardens were damaged. Three men at work in a field beyond Deep Creek during the same storm were struck by lightning and badly injured.

The severest cyclone ever known there passed over Danville, doing great damage to roofing, fences, shade, and fruit trees. Three tobacco factories were unroofed, the bridge over the Dan River damaged, a house in course of construction and the colored Baptist Church blown down, the roof of the storage warehouse partly blown off, and Lee's tobacco warehouse damaged. The shed over the brick mill was blown down and fell on N. A. Fitzgerald, the proprietor, seriously injuring him. The cyclone was accompanied by rain and slight hail, lasting fifteen minutes.

A dispatch from Lumberton, N. C., says six inches of hail fell there. A gale preceded the storm, unroofing many small houses and utterly obliterating the crops.

WANT SWITZERLAND.

Russia and Germany Covet the Little Republic.

[London cable.]

Considerable discussion has been aroused in the various European capitals lately by the belligerent tone assumed by the Russian and German press toward Switzerland on account of the liberty allowed by that ancient confederation to the Socialist and Nihilist refugees within its borders. Doubtless the diatribes almost daily hurled against the Swiss Government are intended chiefly to intimidate the Swiss into taking steps toward the expulsion of the hordes of plotters against royalty and society who have betaken themselves to Switzerland to escape long terms of imprisonment or to save their necks, but there is still less doubt that both the Czar and the Kaiser have more than once cast covetous eyes upon the territory comprising the little republic, and would gladly, if they dared, add its acres to their already enormous domains. In this view the current of discussion runs toward a careful calculation of the chances of an attack upon Switzerland by one or even both of the powers named. England would certainly not permit such a move without a formidable protest, and France's interests under her present form of government lie in the direction of preserving the integrity of the only really successful European government by the people, to say nothing of the other considerations which would influence her action in a matter in which Germany was deeply concerned. Even Austria and Italy, subservient as they are to Germany, would hardly countenance an invasion of Switzerland, and many Europeans believe that